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JOINT VENTURE FOR MANUFACTURING OF ARMS WITH SOUTH AFRICA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Africa has proposed a joint arms manufacturing partnership with India;

(b) whether the proposal involves transfer of Technology to India and export of manufactured arms to other countries; and

(c) if so, the response of the Indian Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes. A South African public sector company has proposed a Joint Venture for cooperative efforts between South African and Indian Government Defence Production factories for artillery guns and related systems.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has been decided to discuss the proposal with the South African company.